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Idaho

The following is a profile of Idaho and includes information on demographics, political figures, programs, funding, crime statistics, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement.

Demographics1

- Population: 1,341,131 (July 2002 estimate), 1,293,953 (2000 Census)
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 88% white; 0.4% black; 1.2% American Indian and Alaska Native; 0.9% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; 0.1% some other race; and 1.4% two or more races; and 7.9% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)

Politics

- ➤ Governor: Dirk Kempthorne²
- Lt. Governor: Jim Risch³
- ➤ Attorney General: Lawrence Wasden⁴
- ➤ Secretary of State: Ben Ysursa⁵
- ➤ U.S. Senate: Michael Crapo (R), Larry Craig (R)⁶
- ➤ U.S. House of Representatives: C. L. "Butch" Otter (R), Mike Simpson (R)⁷
- ➤ Capital: Boise⁸

Programs/Initiatives

- ➤ Idaho Drug Free Youth (IDFY)⁹
 - IDFY began in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in January of 1991 with 25 students at Coeur d'Alene High School. It currently has over 4,200 members within 37 chapters across the state of Idaho. The program rewards drug and alcohol free adolescents with various discounts or privileges from area businesses, sporting facilities, clothing stores, and restaurants. Students voluntarily choose to be drug tested (by use of Urine analysis) and if they show no signs of substance use, they are issued a laminated, picture IDFY membership card allowing them to become eligible for the incentives.
- ➤ Idaho Regional Alcohol Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Network Center¹⁰ The Idaho RADAR Network Center is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug information clearinghouse and resource referral service for the state.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Idaho: 11
 - FY 2002: No grantees awarded funding in Idaho
 - FY 2001:
 - \$99,820 was awarded to Bonneville County, Idaho Falls.
 - FY 2000.
 - \$99,864 was awarded to Western Canyon Youth and Family, Caldwell.
 - \$100,000 was awarded to Healthy Nampa Healthy Youth Coalition, Nampa.
 - FY 1999:
 - \$99,911 was awarded to the Madison School District, Rexburg.
 - \$100,000 was awarded to the Nez Perce Tribe-Students for Success Coalition Initiative, Lapwai.

- \$100,000 was awarded to the South Central District Health Department, Twin Falls.
- FY 1998:
 - \$99,968 was awarded to Treasure Valley Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Boise.
- > FY 2001/2002 SAMHSA Formula and Discretionary Grant Summary for Idaho: 12
 - Formula Funding \$9,225,697
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant \$6,752,451
 - Community Mental Health Service Block Grant \$1,788,346
 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) \$300,000
 - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant \$384,900
 - Discretionary Funding \$951,707
 - Mental Health \$229,953
 - Substance Prevention \$249,000
 - Substance Abuse Treatment \$472,754
 - Total Mental Health Funds \$2,703,199
 - Total Substance Abuse Funds \$7,474,205
 - Total Funds for Idaho \$10,177,404
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹³
 Currently, there are no officially recognized and funded Weed and Seed sites in Idaho.
- > FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court grant amounts awarded to Idaho: 14
 - \$495,225 was awarded to the Ada County Juvenile Court Services, Boise for drug court implementation.
 - \$498,500 was awarded to the Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Coeur d'Alene for drug court implementation.
 - \$498,380 was awarded to the Bonneville Couny Seventh Judicial District, Idaho Falls for drug court implementation.
- > FY 2002 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Idaho: \$3.137.473¹⁵
- ➤ FY 1996-2002 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Formula Grant amount allocated to Idaho: 16
 - FY 1996: \$161,613
 - FY 1997: \$184,756
 - FY 1998: \$408,847
 - FY 1999: \$385.340
 - FY 2000: \$396,026
 - FY 2001: \$430,805
 - FY 2002: \$483,928
- No organizations in Idaho received funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant Program during FY 2001.¹⁷
- ➤ There were no recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant in Idaho.¹⁸

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

➤ During 2001 in Idaho, there were 5,780 drug/narcotic violations. 73.4% of the offenses were for possession/concealing; 14.7% for using/consuming; 7.6%

- distributing/selling; 2.3% cultivating/manufacturing; 1.1% transporting/importing; 0.7% buying/receiving; 0.1% operating/promoting; and 0.06% exploiting children. ¹⁹
- ➤ During 2001 in Idaho, 10.7% of the total Group "A" incidents (which include an additional 22 offenses in conjunction with the Part 1 crimes) indicated drug and/or alcohol usage during the commission of a crime.²⁰
- ➤ During 1999, there were 977 total arrests for aggravated assault in Idaho. ²¹ The number of arrests for aggravated assault in Idaho increased to 1,174 during 2000. ²² During 2001, the number of arrests for aggravated assault decreased to 1,035. ²³

Number of Arrests, Select Offenses, Idaho, 1999-2001

Offense	1999	2000	2001
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	14	15	18
Forcible rape	77	96	107
Robbery	84	83	79
Aggravated assault	977	1,174	1,035
Burglary	976	1,182	1,137
Larceny-theft	5,394	6,474	5,837
Motor vehicle theft	351	399	392
Arson	59	88	87
Driving under the influence	9,209	10,148	8,728
Liquor laws	5,482	6,018	5,112
Drunkenness	155	410	206

➤ During 2001, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 92 arrests for drug violations in Idaho.²⁴

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Idaho, 1997-2001

Year	Arrests
1997	62
1998	54
1999	78
2000	53
2001	92

Drugs

➤ Cocaine²⁵

Cocaine is readily available throughout Idaho, but is largely limited to affluent users. Because of its lower price and higher purity, methamphetamine has replaced cocaine as the drug of choice.

➤ Methamphetamine²⁶

Methamphetamine is one of the most widely abused drugs in the state.

➤ Heroin²⁷

Mexican black tar and brown heroin are readily available in Idaho.

➤ Club Drugs²⁸

Club drugs, particularly ecstasy, LSD, and Ketamine are popular among young adults and are sold at local rave parties. Synthetic drugs, including 2C-B, DET (a drug that

imitates a psychotic state for psychological/medical experiments), and SMeo DIPT (a.k.a. "Foxy" and "Foxy Methoxy") have appeared in the Boise rave scene.

- Marijuana²⁹
 Marijuana cultivation in the state, both indoor and outdoor, is widespread. Mexican marijuana is also available, but is not preferred.
- Diverted Pharmaceuticals³⁰
 The most commonly abused pharmaceutical drugs encountered in the state are hydrocodone and benzodiazepines. Soma and its generic equivalent are commonly abused in combination with hydrocodone. OxyContin abuse has increased during the past year.
- ➤ During 2000 in Idaho, 6.51% of persons 12 and older reported past year alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse. ³¹

Drug Use in the Past Month and Past Year, by Age Group, Idaho, 2000

Drug Characteristic	Total	Age 12-17	Group	26 +
			18-25	
Based on 1999 and 2000 Po	oled Data	<i>ı</i> :		
Past month any illicit drug use	5.37%	7.96%	13.08%	3.35%
Past month marijuana use	4.12	5.99	11.12	2.36
Past month use of any illicit drug other than marijuana	2.32	4.09	5.02	1.46
Past year cocaine use	1.33	1.86	3.51	0.79
Perception of great risk of smoking marijuana once a	43.53	41.45	31.22	46.43
month				
Average annual rate of first use of marijuana	1.58	4.91	5.39	0.13
Based on 2000 Data (Only:			
Past year illicit drug dependence		2.30	3.80	0.60
Past year illicit drug dependence or abuse		4.83	5.02	0.78
Past year alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse	6.51	8.08	15.74	4.35

Juveniles

➤ During 2001, 34.7% of Idaho high school students reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime. ³²

Percent of High School Students Using Selected Drugs, by Sex, Idaho, 2001

Teres of the state of	Male	Female	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	38.0%	30.7%	34.7%
Current marijuana use	20.7	13.7	17.5
Lifetime cocaine use	7.4	7.0	7.3
Current cocaine use	3.3	2.8	3.2
Lifetime inhalant use	15.0	13.4	14.3
Current inhalant use	4.1	2.9	3.6
Lifetime heroin use	3.7	2.0	3.0
Lifetime methamphetamine use	7.2	7.0	7.2
Lifetime illegal steroid use	4.9	2.0	3.6
Lifetime injection of illegal drug	2.5	1.5	2.0

➤ During 1999, there were 2,818 juvenile arrests for larceny-theft in Idaho.³³ This number increased to 3,314 during 2000.³⁴ During 2001 in Idaho, juvenile arrests for larceny-theft decreased to 2,939 in Idaho.³⁵

Juvenile Arrests, Select Offenses, Idaho, 1999-2001

Offense	1999	2000	2001
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter		3	1
Forcible rape	20	22	18
Robbery	18	15	15
Aggravated assault	238	256	210
Burglary	514	602	550
Larceny-theft	2,818	3,314	2,939
Motor vehicle theft	203	180	180
Arson	53	49	66
Driving under the influence	269	284	249
Liquor laws	2,045	2,251	1,671
Drunkenness	11	27	21

➤ In Idaho during 2001, there were 470 drug-related violations among 17-year-old juveniles. ³⁶

Juvenile Drug Violations, by Age Group, Idaho, 2001

Violations	10 & Under	11-12	13-14	15	16	17	Total
Drug/narcotic	5	25	168	166	242	302	908
Drug equipment	0	2	46	81	140	168	437

Enforcement

- As of October 2001, there were 337 total law enforcement employees in Idaho, 250 officers and 87 civilians.³⁷
- ➤ During FY 1999, Governor Dirk Kempthorne recommended increased funding for a multi-phased approach to assist law enforcement personnel to deal with the methamphetamine problem in the state. The legislature approved the increase in funding for the Department of Law Enforcement to specifically fight methamphetamine problems in Idaho.³⁸

Trafficking and Seizures

- Mexican poly-drug organizations control most of the drug trafficking in the state. Methamphetamine is widely available and is produced in and outside the region. Illicit drugs are smuggled into Idaho by air and land routes from Southwest border-states and Mexico.³⁹
- ➤ During 2002, 122 methamphetamine labs were seized in Idaho.⁴⁰

Methamphetamine Lab Seizures, Idaho, 1996-2002

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
36	63	98	171	186	147	122

➤ During 2001, 15.6 kilograms of methamphetamine were seized in Idaho. 41

Federal Drug Seizures, Idaho, 2001

Drug Type	Amount Seized (in kilograms)
Cocaine	1.0
Heroin	1.1
Methamphetamine	15.6
Marijuana	0

Crack cocaine seizures in Idaho increased from 90.5 grams during 2000 to 179.7 grams in 2001.⁴²

Amount of Drugs Seized, Idaho, 2000-2001

Amount of Brugs Seiz	2000	2001
Crack	90.5 grams	179.7 grams
Cocaine	11.2 lbs. & 16 dosage units (du)	9.71 lbs., 55 milliliter, 2 du
Hashish	49.2 grams & 1 du	41.5 grams
Heroin	112.3 grams & 35 du	70.9 grams & 17 du
Marijuana	1,159.30 lbs. & 1,664 plants	664.8 lbs. & 1,681 plants
LSD	30 grams	18.6 grams, 23 fluid oz, 112 du
Amphetamine/	92lbs., 1 gallon, 493 du	148.4 lbs., 3.1 gallon, 314 du
Methamphetamine		
Morphine	1 grams & 75 du	2.5 gram & 5 du
Opium	32.9 grams & 1 du	51 gram & 2 du
PCP	20 milliliter	4 du
Barbiturates	154 du	39 du
Other hallucinogens	3.3 lbs. & 200 du	0.9 lbs., 10 plants, 1.7 gallons,
		8,558 du
Other narcotics	198.5 grams & 874 du	3.7 lbs., 599.2 milliliters,
		2,354 du
Other Stimulants	124.2 grams, 913 milliliter,	4.7 lbs., 1,892 milliliters,
	429 du	309 du
Other depressants	1.8 lbs., 11 milliliters, 20 du	15 du
Other drug	176.7 grams, 1,087 milliliters,	329.5 grams, 18 milliliters,
_	636 du	1,119 du
Unknown drug	3.1 lbs., 10.7 gallons, 3,622 du	1.9 lbs., 5.7 gallons, 465 du

➤ There were 1,509 marijuana plants eradicated in Idaho under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression program in 2001.⁴³

Marijuana Eradication, Idaho 2001

Outdoor Operations	
Plots Eradicated	5
Cultivated Plants Eradicated	123
Indoor Operations	
Grows Seized	11
Plants Eradicated	1,386
Total Plants Eradicated	1,509
Bulk Processed Marijuana	29
Number of Arrests	10
Number of Weapons Seized	52
Value of Assets Seized	\$91,035

➤ In 2000: 44

- marijuana accounted for 91% (by weight 1,159.3 pounds of marijuana seized) of all drugs seized by the Idaho State police.
- 92 pounds of methamphetamine were seized in Idaho.
- approximately 11.2 pounds of cocaine were seized, up 55% from the 7.2 pounds seized in 1999.

Courts

- ➤ As of January 2003, there were 34 total drug courts being planned and operating in Idaho. Five have been operating for over two years, twenty-six were recently implemented, and three were being planned. 45
- Of the 115 Federal defendants in Idaho during FY 2001, 24.6% were convicted of a drug offense. Methamphetamine was the most common drug involved, accounting for 75% of the drug offenses. 46

Federally-Sentenced Drug Offenders, by Drug Type, Idaho, FY 2001

Powder cocaine	3.6%
Crack cocaine	0.0
Heroin	3.6
Marijuana	14.3
Methamphetamine	75.0
Other	3.6

Corrections

According to the Idaho Department of Corrections, there were 5,786 inmates in Idaho as of July 2002. Of the inmates, 24.4% were in prison for drug-related crimes. Of the 8,514 persons on parole and probation, 33.9% committed drug-related crimes. The average minimum and maximum sentence length for drug-related offenders in Idaho was 23.6 months and 48.5 months, respectively.⁴⁷

Treatment

➤ 24% of adolescent substance abuse treatment clients were admitted with their primary drug of choice being methamphetamine. 48

Substance Abuse Clients by Primary Substance, Idaho, 2001

	Adult	Adolescent
Alcohol	35.7%	52.5%
Heroin	0.6	1.4
Methamphetamine	8.3	24.0
Opiates & Synthetics	0.4	1.2
Marijuana	53.2	17.2
Other	1.0	1.3
Cocaine	0.8	2.4

➤ In Idaho during 2001, there were a total of 8,389 drug or alcohol treatment admissions. The most common illicit drug clients were admitted for was marijuana followed by amphetamines.⁴⁹

Drug Treatment Admissions, Idaho, 2001

Drug Type	Percentage of Admissions	Number of Admissions
Alcohol	22.8%	1,911
Alcohol with secondary drug	28.0	2,351
Cocaine (smoked)	0.5	45
Cocaine (other route)	1.0	82
Marijuana	22.6	1,898
Heroin	1.0	84
Other opiates	1.1	89
PCP		
Hallucinogens	0.3	23
Amphetamines	20.8	1,749
Other stimulants	0.0	4
Tranquilizers	0.3	23
Sedatives	0.2	14
Inhalants	0.2	15
Other unknown	1.2	101
Total Admissions	100.0	8,389

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